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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

12. (previously presented) In a disposable razor or razor cartridge comprising at least one blade mounted in a head or frame, said blade having a shaving edge, the improvement comprising:

a strip of material located on the head or frame in proximity to the shaving edge of the blade so as to contact the skin during use, the strip of material having at least an upper layer of a first color and a lower layer of a second color contrasting with the first color, the upper layer of the strip gradually wearing away as the razor or razor cartridge is used to gradually expose at least a portion of the lower layer and thereby provide a visual indication of the relative wear on the blade.

13. (previously presented) The razor or cartridge of claim 12, wherein the upper layer and the lower layer are constructed from the same material.

14. (previously presented) The razor or cartridge of claim 12, wherein the upper layer and the lower layer are constructed from different materials.

15. (previously presented) The razor or cartridge of claim 12, wherein lower layer is greater in surface area than the upper layer such that at least a portion of the lower layer is visible prior to use of the razor or cartridge.

16. (cancelled)